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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "regional council of governments" means any such council
3 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,
4 of the general statutes.

5 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
6 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
7 Management. On or before December 1, 2007, any regional council of
8 governments may submit to said secretary a proposal for provision of
9 a service that is currently provided by one or more municipalities
10 within such council's region.

11 (c) The proposal shall (1) describe a service currently provided by a
12 municipality or municipalities within such council's region, (2) provide
13 a description of how such service would be delivered on a regional
14 basis, including consideration of what entity would be responsible for
15 such service, and how the same population would continue to be
16 served, (3) describe the amount and the manner in which each

17 municipality will reduce its mill rate as a result of the savings realized
18 through the switch from a municipal service to a regional service, (4)
19 include a cost benefit analysis both of the municipal provision of such
20 service and of regional provision of such service, (5) set out a plan of
21 implementation for such regional service, (6) estimate the savings that
22 will be realized by each municipality, and (7) any other items
23 requested by said secretary. Each proposal shall have attached to it a
24 resolution by the legislative body of each municipality affected by the
25 proposal endorsing such proposal. Such proposal shall be submitted
26 on a form prescribed by said secretary. Said secretary shall review all
27 such proposals, and shall provide grants to those that meet the
28 requirements of this subsection.

29 (d) Not later than February 1, 2008, said secretary shall submit to the
30 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
31 of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the
32 grants provided pursuant to this section, including information on the
33 amount of funding needed for each grant, and the potential of such
34 grants for leveraging other public and private investments.

35 (e) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
36 performance incentive program account" which shall be a separate
37 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account may contain
38 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The
39 moneys in said account shall be used by said secretary for the funding
40 of regional performance incentive programs established pursuant to
41 this section.

42 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of twenty-five million dollars
43 is appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the
44 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for deposit in
45 the regional performance incentive program account established
46 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a financial incentive program for towns that provide services on a regional basis.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]